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Washington, D.C. 20231 PPLICATION NUMBER **FILING DATE** FIRST NAMED APPLICANT ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. **EXAMINER ART UNIT** PAPER NUMBER DATE MAILED: ABANDONMENT NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT CONTACT PERSON IS: This application is abandoned in view of: TOM HAWKINS 305-8380 Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on ___ A reply (with Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of ____ _____) was received on which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total month(s)) which expired on A proposed reply was received on ___ _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to the final rejection. (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114). A reply was received on , but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in the last box below). No reply has been received. Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85). The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing Transmission dated ______), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the (with a Certificate of Mailing or issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85)(or Notice of Publication Fee Due). The submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. A balance of \$___ The issue fee by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____. The publication fee, if required, by 37 CFR 1.18(d) is \$_ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, have not been received. Applicant's failure to timely file corrrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in. the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37). Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _), which is after the expiration of the period for reply. No corrected drawings have been received. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all the applicants. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon filing of a continuing application. The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on ____ __ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims. The reason(s) below: Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to

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